

REMARKS

The Examiner telephoned the applicants' attorneys in order to request an oral election to a restriction requirement. According to the Examiner, there were two groups of claims drawn to separate inventions as follows:

- I. Claims 1 and 2 directed to a composition of matter; and
- II. Claim 3, directed to a method.

Applicants' attorneys informed the Examiner by telephone of Applicants' election of Group II, and Applicants hereby confirm this election in writing. The election is made without traverse.

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice solely as on the basis that they are drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 3 has been amended solely to improve the language of the claim, and thus, for reasons unrelated to patentability. New Claims 5-10 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the Specification as filed, for example, on pages 7-10. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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